

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A door covering and insulator device for selectively positioning over exterior positioned lower level doors, the lower level doors including a pair of doors being positioned on a frame being angled upwardly from a front wall to a back wall such that the doors lie at an acute angle with respect to a ground surface, the frame having a pair of side walls having an increasing height from the front wall to the back wall, said device comprising:

10 a pair of panels such that a first panel and a second panel are defined, each of said

panels having a size and shape substantially equal to a size and shape of the doors, each of said first and second panels having an inner surface, an outer surface, an upper edge and a lower edge, each of said first and second panels being selectively positioned on one of the doors such that said upper and lower edges of said first and second panels are aligned, an inner edge and an outer edge being defined with respect to said first and second panels when said first and second panels are positioned on the doors, each of said panels comprising an insulating material; and

15 a pair of side coverings, each of said side coverings having a size and shape for selectively positioning over and covering one of the side walls of the frame, each of said side coverings including a top edge, a bottom edge, an inner surface, an outer surface, and a rear edge, each of said side coverings being hingedly coupled to one of said first and second panels by hinge members, each of said side coverings comprising an insulating material, said hinge members including a pair of flexible coverings, each of said flexible coverings being attached to and extending along one of a pair of junctures of said panels and said side coverings, said flexible coverings being attached to said outer surfaces of said panels and said side coverings; and

20 a securing member being adapted for selectively attaching said first and second panels together along said inner edges a flap being attached to said outer surface of said first panel and being positioned adjacent to and extending

along said inner edge of said first panel, said flap extending outwardly away from said inner edge of said first panel, said flap being extendable over said inner edge of said second panel.

5           Claim 2 (cancelled)

3.        (original) The door covering and insulator device of claim 2, wherein said securing member further includes a hook and loop securing combination including a first portion being attached to and extending along a bottom side of a free portion of said flap  
10       and a second portion being attached to said outer surface of said second panel and positioned adjacent to said inner edge of said second panel.

Claims 4 and 5 (cancelled)

15        6        (currently amended) The door covering and insulator device of claim 4, further including a pair of end walls, each of said end walls being ~~pivotal~~ly ~~coupled~~ attached to one of said lower edges of said pair of panels.

20        7        (original) The door covering and insulator device of claim 1, further including a pair of end walls, each of said end walls being attached to one of said lower edges of said pair of panels.

25        8        (original) The door covering and insulator device of claim 4, further including a plurality of flexible skirts, each of said skirts being elongated, each of said skirts being attached to and extending along one of said upper edges of said pair of panels.

30        9        (original) The door covering and insulator device of claim 8, wherein each of said flexible skirts comprises an elastomeric material.

10. (original) A door covering and insulator device for selectively positioning over exterior positioned lower level doors, the lower level doors including a pair of doors being positioned on a frame being angled upwardly from a front wall to a back wall such that the doors lie at an acute angle with respect to a ground surface, the frame having a 5 pair of side walls having an increasing height from the front wall to the back wall, said device comprising:

10 a pair of panels such that a first panel and a second panel are defined, each of said panels having a size and shape substantially equal to a size and shape of the doors, each of said first and second panels having an inner surface, an outer surface, an upper edge and a lower edge, each of said first and second panels being selectively positioned on one of the doors such that said upper and lower edges of said first and second panels are aligned, an inner edge and an outer edge being defined with respect to said first and second panels when said first and second panels are positioned on the doors, each of said panels comprising an insulating material;

15 a securing member being adapted for selectively attaching said first and second panels together along said inner edges, said securing member including a flap being attached to said outer surface of said first panel and being positioned adjacent to and extending along said inner edge of said first panel, said flap extending outwardly away from said inner edge of said first panel, a hook and loop securing combination including a first portion being attached to and extending along a bottom side of a free portion of said flap and a second portion being attached to said outer surface of said second panel and positioned adjacent to said inner edge of said second panel;

20 25 a pair of side coverings, each of said side coverings having a size and shape for selectively positioning over and covering one of the side walls of the frame, each of said side coverings including a top edge, a bottom edge, an inner surface, an outer surface, and a rear edge, each of said side coverings being hingedly coupled to one of said first and second panels by hinge members, each of said side coverings comprising an insulating material,

5                   said hinge members comprising a pair of flexible coverings, each of said flexible coverings being attached to and extending along one of a pair of junctures of said panels and said side coverings, said flexible coverings being attached to said outer surfaces of said panels and said side coverings;

10                   a pair of end walls, each of said flaps being attached to one of said lower edges of said panels; and a plurality of flexible skirts, each of said skirts being elongated, each of said skirts being attached to and extending along one of said upper edges of said panels, each of said flexible skirts comprising an elastomeric material.

15                   11. (new) A door covering and insulator device for selectively positioning over exterior positioned lower level doors, the lower level doors including a pair of doors being positioned on a frame being angled upwardly from a front wall to a back wall such that the doors lie at an acute angle with respect to a ground surface, the frame having a pair of side walls having an increasing height from the front wall to the back wall, said device comprising:

20                   a pair of panels such that a first panel and a second panel are defined, each of said panels having a size and shape substantially equal to a size and shape of the doors, each of said first and second panels having an inner surface, an outer surface, an upper edge and a lower edge, each of said first and second panels being selectively positioned on one of the doors such that said upper and lower edges of said first and second panels are aligned, an inner edge and an outer edge being defined with respect to said first and second panels when said first and second panels are positioned on the doors, each of said panels comprising an insulating material;

25                   a pair of end walls, each of said end walls being attached to one of said lower edges of said pair of panels; and

30                   a stiffened flap being attached to said outer surface of said first panel and being positioned adjacent to and extending along said inner edge of said first panel, said stiffened flap extending outwardly away from said inner edge

of said first panel, said stiffened flap being extendable over said inner edge of said second panel.